

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-510-C – ORDER NO. 2000-0061
JANUARY 13, 2000

IN RE: Application of essential.com, inc. for a Certificate)	ORDER
of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local)	ESTABLISHING
Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications)	PREFILING
Services throughout the State of South Carolina.)	DEADLINES

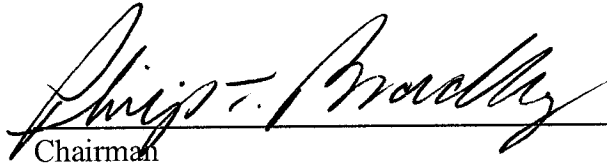
This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for the purpose of establishing pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs.103-869(C)(Supp. 1999), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be pre-filed on or before **March 1, 2000**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or any intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **March 15, 2000**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **March 22, 2000**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **March 24, 2000**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. Further, the Applicant shall pre-file with its testimony and exhibits twenty-five copies of any script(s) employed by the Applicant or its telemarketers for the solicitation and sale of its long distance services in other jurisdictions, or an outline of the Applicant's telemarketing procedures and/or training materials for telemarketers. In addition,

parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (and/or scripts or other materials) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

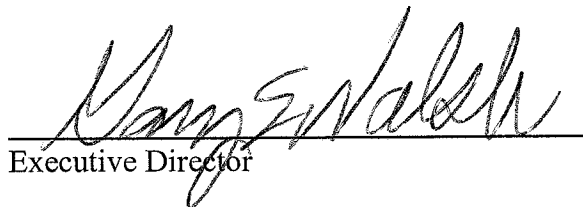
Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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